

FISCAL NOTE
HB 1014 - SB 1086

April 3, 2007

SUMMARY OF BILL: Increases the number of pilot after-school programs that are geared toward increasing the performance of at-risk students on the ACT and SAT examinations from six to nine pilots and changes the grades of students served by the pilot from grades 7-9 to grades 8-11. Such pilots shall be funded with net lottery proceeds. The Commissioner of Education is required to evaluate the pilot programs no later than 2010 and annually thereafter and report its findings once a year to the Governor, the Speakers of the House and Senate and the Education Committees. The Tennessee Higher Education Commission is required to evaluate student lottery scholarship receipt and retention.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant/Lottery for Education Account

Assumptions:

- There would be no additional cost to expand the pilot after-school program since the program is funded only with unclaimed lottery funds.
- The Department of Education has funded after school programs for 126 agencies with approximately 200 sites with 100% of unclaimed prize winnings (\$12,300,000 in FY06-07).
- According to the department, selection criteria could be modified or added to the current application process to identify an additional three sites for the recommended pilot project (total of nine sites).
- Some of the existing grant projects are providing approximate services to those proposed in this bill.
- Any cost to the Department of Education to make these changes in criteria to add the three additional sites or to prepare and distribute a report on these pilots can be handled without the need for additional resources.
- The department currently makes site visits to the pilot programs and the programs produce quarterly reports which could be compiled by the department using existing resources.
- THEC would not incur additional costs to do an evaluation since it currently studies lottery scholarship recipients.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



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